

# Education P news

"A school should not be a preparation for life. A school should be life." Elbert Hubbard



### Back to School 2008

"Winning is important to me, but what brings me real joy is the experience of being fully engaged in whatever I'm doing." Phil Jackson

We have a lot of winners at the College of Education — perhaps one of the best known right now is Olympic swimmer Lacey Nymeyer, who just took home a silver medal in Beijing.

And, yes, Nymeyer is an education major in - what else? physical education.

We dedicate this issue to Nymeyer and the other winners in our college.

Read on!



#### Swimming to Success

No Arizona swimmer has ever won more individual or relay NCAA championships than Lacey Nymeyer's 10, including five in 2008, as she led the Cats to the team title as well. An outstanding freestylist, she is ranked among the top six swimmers in the 50-, 100-, and 200-meter freestyles, according to USA Swimming.

Her relay prowess has led to a pair of world and U.S. Open records. A 19-time All-American, Nymeyer comes from outstanding athletic stock, as her grandfather, Ed Nymeyer, was an all-conference basketball player for Arizona from 1955-58.

In Beijing, Nymeyer won a silver medal in the 4 x 100-meter freestyle relay. Now, she's back at the College of Education, looking forward to another milestone — her graduation in May 2009.

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The PBS documentary

will be hosted by

Judy Woodruff

#### **Dean Marx Hosts Conversation on PBS Documentary**

Where We Stand, a PBS documentary hosted by Judy Woodruff, examines the major challenges for U.S. schools in the face of a changing world. This program introduces students, parents, teachers, and administrators whose true stories illustrate the overwhelming odds and shining successes of education in America. The program will include Arizona-specific data and information and will inspire a much-needed dialogue among key constituencies in our community.

The documentary will air on PBS stations throughout the country, including KUAT, on September 15 and 16.

And, as part of the program, Dean Marx and College of Education alumna Vicki Balentine will host A Conversation about Arizona's Schools on September 16.

The facilitated discussions will be held across the state. Results of these conversations will be shared with participants, key leaders, and policy makers in our local communities and our state.

Please join us!



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#### **Upcoming Events**

#### SunWise and the Science **Behind It**



The Arizona Cancer Center's Skin Cancer Institute is presenting the SunWise Workshop for Educators and Trainers on October 17 as part of its community outreach effort to promote sun safety and skin cancer prevention. The lessons are cross curricular and can be easily integrated into math, science, health and PE, social studies, and language arts and are aligned to national standards.

Details Friday, October 17 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 1111 N. Cherry Avenue **Room 205** Swede Johnson Building Cost: \$50 (includes lunch and materials); there is a \$25 studentteacher discount available

Certificates will be given with five contact hours approved (0.5 units of Continuing Education Credit provided through the University of Arizona for an additional \$25, by separate check).

For more information, contact Jackie Leon at jleon@azcc.arizona.edu.

#### **Remember: You Can Donate Online Now**

#### Details

Date: September 16 Location: Amphitheater High School (Panther Hall), 125 W. Yavapai, Tucson тітеs: 7-9 р.т. **Cost:** \$0 Light snacks will be provided.

Dean Marx and COE alumna Vicki Balentine will host the

The event is sponsored by the Education Coalition, the Arizona Learning First Alliance.

Tucson conversation More information about this event is available here.

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#### Paid Internships Available for College of Education **Students Only!**

Thanks to the generous philanthropy of Paul Lindsey, up to five undergraduate students will be selected for a \$1,000 preprofessional internship, and up to five graduate students will be selected for a \$2,000 advanced internship. Some of the places where the internships are available include:

- Metropolitan Education Commission
- Sunnyside School District Language Acquisition Center
- Sunnyside School District Federal Programs Center
- Sunnyside School District Human Resources Office
- Arizona History Museum
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Cooper Environmental Center (TUSD)
- Literacy Volunteers of Tucson

Hurry! Applications will be accepted through the end of September. <u>Here's more</u>.

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#### **Hopes and Dreams**

Southern Arizona Association for the Education of **Young Children Conference** 

Saturday, September 27 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. **UA Student Union** Registration in the Atrium outside the Grand Ballroom

Despite temperatures telling us otherwise, fall is not too far off, and that means it's time for the annual Southern Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children Conference. This year's conference, Communities of Hope, Creators of Change, will begin with a presentation about The Hopes & Dreams Project (in which families and teachers in Southern Arizona share their hopes and dreams for the young children in their lives).

The conference, cosponsored by the College of Education, includes numerous pioneering workshops, all conference materials, and lunch. Prices range from \$40 (members) to \$50 (nonmembers). Participants are encouraged to register early since workshop requests are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. For registration forms and more information about the conference, contact Connie Espinoza at 520-320-4036 or sazzyservicesvp@hotmail.com. Registration must be received or postmarked by September 20, 2008.

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#### **Alumni Magazine Highlights Professor Bosworth**

The spring 2008 edition of the UA Alumnus magazine featured our own Professor Kris Bosworth, the Lester L. and Roberta D. Smith Endowed Chair in Prevention and Education. The article outlines Bosworth's research on drug prevention programs in schools and how she has taken this research and turned it into action. Bosworth is working in schools in South Tucson to implement programs that make them buffer zones for teens from risky behavior. See the article here.

It's been a winning season for Bosworth, as she also was selected by the Association of American Universities as an ideal example of the positive

impact endowments have on community service. The AAU wants to demonstrate the many beneficial ways that universities spend from their endowments, especially when it comes to community service, and Bosworth's name was at the top of the list!



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Thank you for supporting our mission to build a community that nurtures every child and to shape the future of education through our remarkable research and scholarship.

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Kris Bosworth

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#### Cyberbullying

A new book on cyberbullying, Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard, calls upon our Western Regional Equity Network for expertise. WREN's Mike Tully is guoted numerous times in the book, and the book also mentions WREN and the College of Education. This is the first time WREN has been mentioned in a text.

Here's a line from the book that'll make you want to know more: "As Mike Tully, a noted school law

attorney, points out: 'Never overlook the possibility of using students themselves as agents of change.'"

To learn more, you'll have to read the book, which can be found here.

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#### New Graduate Takes Her Teaching to Orphanage in Western Africa

Promising never to complain about Tucson road conditions again, recent graduate Lindsay Hendrix is putting her education experience into a global framework. Hendrix will spend the next 10 months teaching at an orphanage in Western Africa.

Hendrix is blogging about her experiences, beginning with the morethan-bumpy trip from Accra, the capital city of Ghana, to the small village of Medie. She wrote in her blog, Gone to Ghana!, "There are a few things that I have seen so far that I wish you could experience for yourself because they are hard to comprehend. One being the fact that everywhere you go, there are people on the side of the road selling everything from calling cards to toilet paper to hardboiled eggs."



Lindsay Hendrix



Already, Hendrix has been transformed from educator back into a learner. She is finding out about picking maize and balancing it on her head, taking long walks to see the pigs of neighbors, and catching bush rats. Surely, these are just the first of many new experiences.

Hendrix arrived in Africa in late August and will teach children that range in age from 8 to 10 years old. "The kids here are unbelievably selfsufficient and take care of each other. It was strange for me to see a 6-year-old carrying a baby on his back, a 4-year-old picking corn, or a 1-year-old standing in line to eat lunch just like everybody else," she writes.

Find out more on Hendrix's blog.

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#### **Good Showing for College of Education**

The Peter W. Likins Inclusive Excellence Awards will honor three from the College of Education at a ceremony in October. The awards were established by former President Likins to recognize individuals and units that have demonstrated significant contributions toward creating a diverse and inclusive community at the UA. The 2007-2008 award winners from our college are:

David Martinez III, a senior majoring in secondary education, will be recognized for his work in the Transgender Project, a program within the David Martinez III Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office. Martinez, who is also a student regent, has been a tireless advocate of the project's objective to create a university environment that is inclusive and values transgender individuals.

TTE Associate Professor Toni Greigo Jones will be honored for her work as a mentor as well as the development of channels through which all university member can be involved in creating a diverse community. Greigo Jones was a catalyst behind the creation of Minority Women Faculty, which helps minority women through the promotion and tenure

process via mentorships and workshops. The Fulbright Scholar also has been a key participant on the President's Diversity Coalition.

The Department of Language, Reading, and Culture will be recognized for its contribution to the overall diversity of the campus community. The nomination committee noted the department's rich depth of faculty, staff, and students, as well as its outstanding annual events, such as the Conference on Literature and Literacy for Children and Adolescents and the American Indian Language Development Institute.





Toni Griego-Jones

#### **Staff Advisory Council Names New Members**

Please congratulate SAC's newest officers!

Co-chairs: Sara Kersels and Sandy Durazo Recording Secretary: Letty Gutierrez Corresponding Secretary/Communication: Michelle Lozano Treasurer: Bertha Corrales Awards/Incentives: Karina Puga Employee Appreciation: Tracy Kenyon Staff Development/Training: Lupe Romero



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